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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 25th/May, through Sunday, 1st/June there were 224 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9X, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C6, C9, CE, CE0A, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH3, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations. As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

4U, UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS. On **June 9th**, Fritz, N6UK/DL4TT, will be in New York and plans his next operating session at the club station **4U1UN**. The band choice will depend on shortwave conditions and the status of the roof/antenna work going on at the moment. Mode will be CW. As usual, QSL only via Box 3873, Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163 USA.

4W, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR LESTE. Thor, **4W3DX**, continues to be active on 21002 kHz after 1330z and 14002 kHz between 1300-1800z. Also, watch around

7005 kHz after 0945z. Peter, **4W3CW**, has also been active at various times on 40/30/20/15/10 meters. Watch cluster spots for him.

5B, CYPRUS. Alan, G3PMR, is expected to be active as **5B4AHJ** until **June 22nd**. QSL direct to home call.

5X, UGANDA. Christian, **5X1CW**, was heard this past week on 21005 kHz around 1930z. He can sometimes be found on 14005 kHz around the same time. QSL via his home callsign F6GQK (See notes under QSL INFO AND NEWS).

7P8, LESOTHO (DXpedition Update - Also 3DA callsigns announced!). Team Leader Charles Frost, K5LBU/7P8TA, announced this past week that the "**July 18-25th** Lesotho 7P8 DXpedition" sponsored by the Lone Star DX Association and the Texas DX Society has added an amateur satellite mode to its planned operations. The operation will be on the AO-40 satellite. "The uplink will be U--band (70cm) uplink on U-band 435.550 to 435.800 MHz CW/LSB and S2 (2.4GHz) downlink 2401.225 - 2401.475 MHz CW/USB", Frost said. Equipment including antennas and a down converter were donated by Wayne Estes, W9AE, and a spare down converter was donated by Bruce Paige, KK5DO. The list of operators are:

Charles Frost, K5LBU/7P8TA	Madison Jones	W5MJ/7P8MJ
Igor Zdorov, W0IZ/7P8IZ	Neil King	VA7DX/7P8NK
Dave Anderson K4SV/7P8DA	Tom Anderson	WW5L/7P8TA

The 7P8 operation will be an all mode, all band operation. They hope to have at least one station on the air 24 hours a day. QSLs will be handled by each operator separately via their home callsigns as each will have their own 7P8 call. ADDED NOTES: Dave/K4SV and Neil/VA7DX will also be operating from Swaziland (3DA) after 7P8. Their callsigns will be 3DA0SV for Dave/K4SV and 3DA0WC for Neil/VA7DX. QSL via their home callsigns. THE COMPLETE UPDATED PRESS RELEASE will be sent to all OPDX InterNet Subscribers as an additional bulletin.

9A, CROATIA (Islands Activated). Tibor, **9A/HA3HP**, plans to activate some of Croatian islands as:

- **June 7-11th:** The Island of **Ugljan** (CI-134, **EU-170**)
- **June 12th :** The Island of **Pasman** (CI-085, **EU-170**)
- **June 13th :** The Island of **Murter** (CI-074, not IOTA)
- **June 14-15th:**
 - **Gubavci** (CI-487, **EU-170**)
 - **Maslinjak** (CI-256, **EU-170**)
 - **Prisnjak** (CI-374, not IOTA)
 - **Prisnjak Mali** (CI-488, **EU-170**)
 - **Skoljic V/M** (CI-404, **EU-170**)
 - **Tegina** (CI-413, not IOTA)
 - **Vinik V/M** (CI-375, not IOTA)
 - **Visovac** (CI-486, **EU-170**)

CQ0, PORTUGAL. The "Association of Radioamadores da Vila de Moscavide" (ARVM) will be active with the special callsign **CQ0FY** during their **Field Day (June 14-15th)** to celebrate the **15th anniversary of the A.R.V.M.** QSL via CT1RVM, direct or by the bureau.

DA, GERMANY (Special Event/Field Day Activity). On the first weekend of **June (7th/8th)**, the **European CW-Field Day-Contest** will take place. Helmut, DL7MAE, reports that "this is one of the biggest events for German hams during the entire DX-year. Many can learn how to build up a Contest or emergency station and to learn how to set up a station for a DXpedition. Our club this year will have more antennas up then ever." The reason is, that the city of **Erding** (next to Munich) is celebrating its **775th anniversary** with festivities and amateur radio activity. The Erding Radio Club wants to give as many DXers and Award hunters as possible the chance to work their "775 Years City of Erding" award. DX stations need to only work them on three bands to qualify for the award, while EU stations need only four bands. The award is "FREE" of charge, only postal-fee is required. Their callsign will be **DA0ED/p** and a QSL will be sent through the bureau for each contact automatically. Details of their QSL card and award (now rules are also in English) and much other information about their local Erding club can be found on the Web page at: <http://www.ov-erding.de>

EN720, UKRAINE (Special Event). Look for special event callsign, **EN720K**, to be active from **now through July 15th** to celebrate the **720th Anniversary of the Rivne City**. Stations will be operated by members of Rivne DX Club: Paul/**UT1KY** (ex-EM1KY), Igor/**UR5KCE** and Taras/**UR5KDX**. QSL Manager is IK1GPG: Massimo Balsamo, Strada Statale 28 Nord # 7, I-12084 Mondov=EC (Cuneo), ITALY. All QSLs will be sent automatically via the Bureau.

FO & FO/A, FRENCH POLYNESIA AND AUSTRAL ISLANDS (IOTA Op). Look for operators Barry/G4MFW (ZS1FJ and ZL1MFW) and Phil/G3SWH to be on **Mangareva Island** in the **Gambier Islands of French Polynesia (IOTA OC-063)** and from **Rurutu Island** in the **Austral Islands (IOTA OC-050)** between **July 10-22nd**. The actual dates of each operation are to be decided, but they hope to be on each island for at least five days. Propagation permitting, they will be active on all bands from 40-10 meters on SSB and CW. They hope to work as many European, North American and ROTW stations as possible. Special callsigns have been applied for and will be announced as soon as they are known. The QSL route(s) will also be announced later. Donations towards the high cost of this expedition are invited and may be sent to G3SWH.

FH, MAYOTTEE. John Warburton, G4IRN, will be active as **FH/G4IRN** from Mayotte Island (**AF-027**), **September 16-23rd**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters mainly on CW using only 100 watts into a vertical antenna. QSL via G4IRN (QRZ.com).

HS0, THAILAND. Charles Harpole, K4VUD, is now active as **HS0ZCW** until **June 15th**. He is expected to be active on 80/160 meters, but was heard on 15 and 20 meters CW. Watch around 21025 and 14024 kHz between 1100-1500z.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-NEW.** (UPDATE FROM OPDX.611) Steve, OM3JW, spoke with Ivan/OM3CGN last week and he was told that in spite of the earthquake several days ago, everything is OK and the IOTA expedition to Habbibas Island will be starting with one day delay (June 2nd) as **7W4HI**. Operators will be on island **until June 5th**. They will be on the air a minimum of 12 hours daily, it will depend on the local power. However, they will also have gas for 3 full days of operations. The crew consists of Ivan/OM3CGN, Afif/7X2RO, three other 7Xs (we don't know their callsigns) and members of the Coast guard. Steve,

OM3JW, will have a regular daily sked with OM3CGN, so he will be as a pilot station (E-mail: om3jw@konektel.sk).

- **AF-019.** Fabio/IT9GSF and a team of operators will activate **Lampedusa Island** as **IG9A** during a few upcoming contests. Look for future activity as scheduled:
 - **CQ/RJ Worldwide DX RTTY Contest (September 27-28th)** Multi-Op
 - **CQ World Wide DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th)** Multi/2
 - **CQ World Wide DX CW Contest (November 29-30th)** M/S or SOAB
- **AS-024.** Operators Kaoru/JA3MCA, Aru/JA0KNM, Jun/JJ1EQW and Kai/JE3NJZ will be active as **homecall/JR6** from **Hateruma Island**, Yaeyama Archipelago, **Okinawa**, **June 6-9th**. Activity will be on 40-2 meters SSB and CW. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or bureau.
- **AS-058.** Johnny, G3LIV, will be active as **9M2/G3LIV** from **Langkawi Island** until **June 9th**. Activity will be mainly on CW with some PSK31. QSL via his home callsign.
- **AS-073.** Tex, **9M2TO**, will once again be active from **Perhentian Island** from a resort, **June 7-8th**. Activity will be CW on 80-10 meters including the WARC bands. He will use an IC-706 w/100w into a G5RV antenna. QSL via JA0DMV (All QSL cards will be sent out automatically).
- **AS-147.** Taka/JR3TVH and Natsue/JJ3NAW will be on **Rebun Island** and **Rishiri Island** from **July 25-30th**, signing **homecall/8**. Look for them on 40/20/17/15/10/6 meters CW/SSB. QSL via JR3TVH either direct or via the bureau.
- **EU-083.** Operators Giovanni/IZ2DPX, Michele/IK2GPQ, Antonello/IK2DUW and Lorenzo/IK5MDF, who were active this past week as **IP1TIN** from **Tino Island** (IIA SP-002), will be active again **July 26-27th**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31.
- **EU-115.** Berthold, DF5WA, who was active last week as **EJ/DF5WA** from the **Aran Islands (EU-006)**, will be active this week as **EI/DF5WA** from the **Irish Coast (EU-115)** until **June 7th**. His activity will be mainly on CW. QSL via bureau.
- **EU-125.** Helmut, DL7VOX, is expected to be active as **SP1/DL7VOX/p** from **Wolin Island** until **June 14th**. Activity will be on all HF bands including the WARC bands. QSL via bureau.
- **EU-171.** Alan, G0RCI, and other operators from the Grantham Amateur Radio Club will be active from **Fur Island** between **June 2-6th** as **OZ/G0GRC**. Activity will be on all bands CW, SSB and maybe SSTV and other modes. QSL cards are not required because all QSOs will be acknowledged within 28 days of the operators' return.
- **EU-174.** Emil, **SV8/DJ4PI/p**, will be active from **Thassos Island**, **June 5-18th**. QSL 100% via his home callsign and Bureau.
- **OC-140.** The "VK6 DX Chasers Club" will travel to **Thevenard Island** (Mackerel Island group) and be active for **1 week** starting **June 15th**. The Mackerel Islands group, comprising of 10 islands, is situated 22km offshore from the town of Onslow, 1400km north of Perth, on the coast of the spectacular and ancient Pilbara region of Western Australia. The callsign for the DXpedition will be a special one, **VI6TI**, to commemorate the naming of the island by the French Captain Baudine who led an expedition in 1801-1804 in the ship "Casuarina". Captain Baudine named the island after the Vice Admiral and Minister 1732-1815 - Antoine John Mary France Thevenard. The 8 member team will leave Perth on Friday, June 13th and hopes to be active from the island on Sunday, June 15th, around 0700 or 0800z. Activity will be on or near the usual IOTA HF frequencies. There will also be activity on 6 meters with a 3 element beam for this band. They will monitor 50.110 MHz. The group's previous DXpedition in November 2000 to

nearby Direction Island netted 550 contacts on 6 meters with many contacts into Europe. The group is hoping for similar conditions this time around. For all the satellite enthusiasts, the group will also be bringing along a portable satellite station looking for contacts on AO-40. They will have a Yaesu FT-847 and will operate Mode U/S with a 8 element yagi on the 70cms uplink and 65cms offset dish with K5GNA AIDC 3731AA 2.4GHz down converter. The grid locator is OG77mm. The QSL Manager is VK6NE: Neil Penfold, 2 Moss Ct, Kingsley, WA 6026, Australia. All direct and bureau cards will be answered, and the group hopes to have a full color card available shortly after the trip. For more info, visit the following Web page at: <http://www.qrz.com/callsign/vi6ti/> For more info about the beautiful Mackerel Islands go to the following web site at: <http://www.mackerelislands.com.au>

KH3, JOHNSTON ISLAND. John, **KH3/KT6E**, continues to be active almost daily on 20 meters SSB. Watch between 14245-14248 or around 14222 kHz between 0500-0800z.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND. "QRZ DX" reports that Kimo, KH7U, informs them that Chuck Brady, N4BQW, left Honolulu Friday, May 30th for Wake Island. He will be there for the **next six weeks** standing in for the island's doctor who is going on vacation. He will be joining Jake, N6XIV, who has been active on the island recently. Please keep in mind that Chuck is there to work, and he will only be able to operate when he is not doing the job he was sent there to do. While there Chuck is going to re-position the Force 12 C3SS yagi in a better location and install an inverted L with elevated radials for 80/75/40. On 40 meters, he may be operating below 7.1 MHz, listening up for U.S. calls. He also has a modified military vertical that can cover 160/80/40 and 30 meters. He is taking two 6 meter yagis antennas - one of them is a long-yagi from M2. There will be NO 6 meter beacon. He has an Alpha 99 amp, and will use it IF he has access to 240VAC. It may take him at least a few days to get all of the antennas raised with the help of Jake and island base personnel. Chuck usually works SSB, but has been known to work some CW on his SSB frequency when asked and the pileups aren't too bad. Depending on demand, he may QSY to the CW portions of the bands, but that depends on the antenna situation. Kimo says, "I am NOT acting as a pilot station NOR am I offering to schedule QSOs for Chuck." Kimo will be in E-mail and some telephone contact with Chuck and can provide a route for some FEEDBACK to him. Constructive comments or reports on reception are welcome via Kimo's E-mail address at: kh7u@arrl.net QSLs for **KH9/N4BQW** should be sent to his Wake QSL Manager, Dianna Killeen, KB6NAN. An SAE with sufficient U.S. postage; IRCs or the proverbial "green stamps" are requested. Donations are always appreciated. Direct QSLs are always preferred. DO NOT send requests for Jake, N6XIV, to KB6NAN. Follow Jake's instructions for his QSL routing. There will be NO web page nor posted logs for this operation.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Ikuko, JA5GSG, will operate from **Saipan (OC-086)** between **June 5-11th**. His callsign was not provided. Activity will be on HF and 6 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

L28, ARGENTINA (Special Prefix). Radio Club Salta, LU4OC, will be operating as **L2800** from **June 2-9th** from **Iruya**. It is a little town located at the very northern part of Argentina close to the Bolivian border, and 2800 meters above sea level. Ariel, LU4OO, reports that it is very difficult to get to this town located right on the mountains. The team will operate on all HF bands, SSB, CW and the Digital Modes. QSL via LU4OC. Please visit the following Web page for more information about this operation at: <http://www.qsl.net/lu4oc/>

NEW AWARD AVAILABLE. Kresimir, 9A7K, informs OPDX that the members of the Amateur Radio Club "Koprivnica" are issuing "**The Pope John Paul II in Croatia Award**" in celebration of the third visit of Pope John Paul II to Croatia. The rules for this award can be found on the following web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/9a7k/> The rules are translated into Croatian, English, Spanish, German and French. The Award Manager is Kresimir Juratovic, 9A7K.

NEW OFFICERS FOR 2003-2004. The Patriot DX Association (PDXA), sponsors of the **DX Dinner at the New England ARRL Convention**, have elected officers for the 2003-2004 year:

President	- W1AAX, Harry Wilson
Vice President	- W1HH, Bob Wallace
Secretary	- W1FJ, Al Rousseau
Treasurer	- WZ1Q, Mel Cole
Directors	- W1ZT, George Johnson; W1TE, Charley Schwartz; K1TW, Tom Walsh

The PDXA Web page is at: http://www.qsl.net/patriot_dx_club/

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **5X1CW QSLs.** Tommy, WE7K, has been asked by Christian, 5X1CW, to pass along information that he only sends out QSL cards while he is at home in France once every six months. He asks for everyone's patience. His next home visit will be this summer. He does not use the bureau but accepts direct cards to his home callsign F6GQK.
- Special event station **CQ5AA** was active over the past weekend to celebrate the 15th anniversary of ARVM (Association of Radioamadores da Vila de Moscavide). QSL via CT1RVM, direct or by the bureau.
- Pascual Guardiola, EA5EYJ, informs OPDX that more QSL routes for the **CQ WPX CW 2003 Contest** are now available at: <http://www.arrakis.es/~ea5eyj/wpxcw03.htm>
- Terry, KJ6OW, informs OPDX that he has been doing a mail drop service for Vit, **EZ8CW**, for quite a while now. Starting on June 15th, he will be adding Alex, EZ8CQ, for U.S. hams ONLY to the service. The same mail requirements will apply (2 USD and a SASE) to get the card.
- Gil, F5NOD, announced this past week that all **FR/F6KDF/T** QSLs received direct from F6KDF have now been answered. The last batch of QSLs should be in the mail or be mailed this week (for QSLs received during last month). Gil hopes everybody will have their QSO confirmed. If you didn't receive a QSL or if you need a second QSL or have a QSO problem, you can still send your request to F6KDF or direct to Gil's address (F5NOD address OK on QRZ.com).
- Lutz/**DL5KUA** and Steve/**DJ7AO** were active this past weekend from Lighthouse Staberhuk on Fehmarn Island (EU-128). Visit their Web page for more information at: <http://e09.de>
- **I1ID** active over the past week was a special callsign for "2003 - The European Year of People with Disabilities". Activity was a demonstration of solidarity with the school for disabled boys of Giaveno (Turin) by IZ1CCE and G.R.A.D. (Gruppo RadioAmatori Disabili - Italy Handi Ham). A special QSL card is available. QSL via the bureau or direct to IZ1CCE: Carlo Sobrito, Via I Maggio n. 9, I-10051 AVIGLIANA, (TO) ITALY.
- Phil Whitchurch, G3SWH, reports that he is pleased to announce that all direct QSL requests for **ZS1RBN** received to date have been mailed.

SILENT KEY. "MR. HAMVENTION". Frank, **W8OK**, became a Silent Key Thursday night, May 29th. For several years, W8OK has been battling cancer. Then, just days prior to the gates opening for Hamvention 2003, Schwab suffered a heart attack. He was also dealing with pneumonia and congestive heart failure. Frank Schwab, W8OK, is credited with getting the Dayton Hamvention started 52 years ago. Also, he was involved with the founding of SWODXA and several contest expeditions to J6DX. He will be surely missed by his many friends in the Dayton area. OPDX and its readers would like to send out our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

VK, AUSTRALIA (Camerons Corner DX-Expedition). Several members of the Blue Mountain ARC will be "heading into the outback" on the **Queens Birthday** weekend starting Friday, **June 6th** and returning Monday, **June 9th**. They will be heading to the corner of New South Wales (VK2), Queensland (VK4) and South Australia (VK5). They would like to make contact with as many people as possible, so if you hear them calling "CQ-DX from Camerons Corner", you know they are smack in the middle of nowhere. Their suggested frequencies and times can be found on their Web page at: <http://www.bmarc.oz-hams.org/camerons.html> They request that "If you do make contact, can you take the time to post to our DX forum and let people know when and on what freq you heard us.." Please post in the DX-Expedition forum on: <http://www.radiocorner.net>

VK9C & VK9X, COCOS KEELING AND CHRISTMAS ISLANDS (Update). Gwen Tilson, VK3DYL, informs OPDX that due to circumstances beyond their control (world conditions, flight schedule cancellations etc.), the YLs going to VK9C and VK9X later this year have had to change their itinerary. They will now operate from **Christmas Island** as **VK9XYL**, **October 13-27th**, and from **Cocos Keeling** as **VK9CYL**, **October 27th-November 10th**. VK3DYL still remains as QSL Manager - more details later.

XW, LAOS. Kamfan, **XW1FAN**, continues to be active on most days on 14220 or 14225 kHz between 1430-1530z.

YA, AFGHANISTAN. Masa, JG1OWV, informs OPDX that he is helping someone called Sada (a Japanese operator who is staying in Kabul for one year) to get on the air. He is now preparing some low band equipment, and he hopes Sada will get his license this month. The call sign and operation start date will be announced at a later date. Masa states, "This is not a DXpedition, but most weekends we may hear an Afghanistan signal."

YV, VENEZUELA. Operators Dario/YV4GMG, Maria/YV4GMB, Hector/YV4GMH, Jose/YV4FUE and Maria C/YV4FUF are expected to be active on **June 10th**. Look for them on the following bands/modes: 10/15/20/160 meters and 6 meters. Modes will be PSK31/RTTY/SSTV/CW/SSB. QSL via operator's CBA.

SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

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